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Chairman William A. Mundell
ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION
1200 West Washington
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Re: Qwest Corporation's Compliance with Section 271 of the Telecommunications
Act of 1996, Docket No. T-00000A-97-0238

Dear Chairman Mundell:

This letter represents Qwest Corporation's ("Qwest") response to AT&T's letter dated May 13, 2002 requesting that the Arizona Corporation Commission (Commission) reschedule the special open meeting currently scheduled for May 16, 2002.

Early last week, the Commission issued an Amended Notice scheduling a special open meeting for May 16, 2002 at which the Commission will consider and discuss Cap Gemini Ernst & Young's (CGE&Y) OSS Test Final Report and Staff's Recommendation. AT&T waited a week -- until just three days before the open meeting -- to submit a letter requesting that the Commission reschedule the open meeting.

AT&T offers two reasons for its request. AT&T notes that the parties will not file their comments regarding CGE&Y's Final Report and Staff's Recommendation until May 17, 2002. In addition, AT&T claims that one of its subject matter experts who would like to attend the special open meeting is planning to attend a meeting relating the Regional Oversight Committee's OSS test on May 16, 2002. AT&T notes that this person will not be available until June because of vacation plans. Neither of these reasons justifies rescheduling the special open meeting.

The Commission scheduled the special open meeting to consider and discuss CGE&Y's Report and Staff's Recommendations relating to that report. Both of those documents are already available to the Commission. Further, the parties have already submitted numerous rounds of comments regarding the results of testing, including briefs submitted after workshops were held on each phase of testing and comments on CGE&Y's draft final report. In fact, AT&T submitted more than 100 pages of comments regarding CGE&Y's draft final report. Thus, if the

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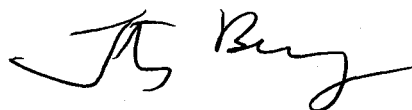
Commission so chooses, it can consider the comments the parties have already submitted. There is no need for the Commission to wait to discuss the content and results of the OSS test or Staff's Recommendations until the parties have filed yet another round of comments regarding the test.

Moreover, AT&T has made no showing regarding why it is necessary for the unnamed subject matter expert to be present. AT&T merely states that this person "would like" to attend the Commission's special open meeting. It would not be appropriate under these circumstances to rearrange the current schedule based on the availability of a single person -- particularly when that person's vacation plans would require a delay of at least two weeks.

For these reasons, Qwest opposes AT&T's request that the Commission reschedule the special open meeting and requests that the Commission retain the currently scheduled special open meeting on May 16, 2002.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



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